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## The Eyes of Empire Turn To-Day Towards Windsor for the Last Scene of All

### MORNING BREAKS CLEAR LONDON IS ASTIR EARLY FOR FUNERAL PAGEANT

**King Edward VII. Will Be Borne to the Tomb To-day Thru Thousands of His Subjects—Nine Kings Gather to Do Homage—Emperor William Arrives.**

LONDON, May 20.—(5 a.m.)—A brief thunderstorm occurred during the night, but notwithstanding a disagreeable morning, many hundreds of people kept a night-long vigil in the streets along the line of the route, which has been throughout a scene of bustle, workmen putting the finishing touches on the decorations of the stand.

The morning broke bright and clear, with promise of most favorable conditions for the sad pageant. Already the underground train, the trams and the busses have started to bring thousands into the city.

Most of the seats will be taken up by 8 o'clock, when the police will stop all vehicular traffic along the route of the procession.

LONDON, May 19.—Nine crowned heads of Europe and several heirs to thrones sat down in Buckingham Palace to-night at a dinner which King George gave to all his eminent guests assembled in London for the funeral of King Edward to-morrow. After the dinner, the members of all the suites were introduced to the King.

It is noteworthy that the presence of so many rulers and princes must necessarily throw a great sense of responsibility upon the authorities and the police, all move about quite freely and no word is heard in the press or the public places of any apprehension of untoward incidents.

London to-day filled rapidly with people from all the provinces, and foreigners. The whole line of the funeral route has been from early morning until late at night a surging mass of people. The seat stand business has been greatly overdone, and seats for which \$25 to \$50 was asked a few days ago, is now being hawked for from \$8 to \$10.

**An Impressive Scene.**  
Emperor William, who arrived this morning, was met by King George and later had an affecting meeting with the Queen-mother, Alexandra. The emperor then accompanied by King George proceeded to Westminster Hall and paid a tribute to the memory of Edward VII. The two monarchs knelt by the body and prayed for the repose of their feet gripped hands. It was a striking scene and greatly moved all those who witnessed it.

Thirty thousand soldiers from Aldershot and other military stations are camping in the parks to-night. The weather is hot and thunderstorms are not improbable. Many thousands of people will pass the night in the streets in order to secure points of vantage from which to view the cortege. All London is garbed in mourning. In the royal train which will carry the body to-morrow from London to Windsor will travel King George and Queen Mary, the Queen Mother, Alexandra, eight other sovereigns and near relatives. Special trains will convey the high officials, the foreign representatives and special envoys.

The little town of Windsor has assumed a purple hue. From the entrance to the castle every building is covered with a mourning pall of royal purple.

**The Floral Tributes.**  
Throughout the day hundreds of people came to Windsor from London and the surrounding districts, carrying floral memorials to the dead King. The cloisters of the chapel are already filled with flowers, and scores of extra racks have been erected on which to place the others. On the lawn there is another great mass of flowers, little bunches of daisies or buttercups from the village children lying side by side with great wreaths of orchids and roses sent by officials and the governments of England and Theodore Roosevelt.

The funeral services will be conducted in St. George's Chapel at Windsor, where Edward VII. will be temporarily sepulchred among the tombs of his fathers.

**Last Day of Lying-in-State.**  
The last day of the lying-in-state of the body of King Edward brought a repetition of yesterday's scenes on an even larger scale. The resolute band of a thousand or more persons, mostly women, who had braved the storm throughout the night, was increased to a score of thousands before the sun rose above the roof tops, and by noon the queue awaiting admission to Westminster Hall stretched for miles to the westward of the houses of parliament.

Because of the enormous number of persons who were sure to be disappointed last night it had been planned to keep the doors open until midnight instead of closing them at half past nine as was the original intention. This plan, however, was frustrated by the action of those nearest the entrance, who became unruly and a panic the doors were hastily closed and the police reserves summoned to assist in restoring order. It was not until four o'clock that the doors were again opened, and afterwards rain fell heavily, and all but about 1000 persons returned to their homes.

**Colonial Representatives.**  
The King is sending a royal carriage to-morrow for Lord Strathcona. Miles

### "Lest We Forget"

This afternoon thousands of citizens will throng Queen's Park at the hour of the service in memorial to His late Majesty Edward VII. May the solemnity of the occasion not be forgotten—may there be respectful silence, and a thoughtfulness of the sad, even if brilliant, scenes enacted in the heart of the empire.

### OFFICIAL ORDER OF SERVICES TO-DAY

**Program for Memorial Gathering in Queen's Park—Military Ceremonies at Armouries at 1.30, and at Queen's Park in Evening.**

Men will cease working and wheels will cease turning, if but for a few minutes, thruout the British Empire to-day, during the funeral of his late Majesty, King Edward VII. Memorial services will be held in every city, town and village over which the British flag floats. Garrisons in every part of the empire will stand with reversed arms. British battleships stationed under every sky will turn out shortly before sunset, and fire minute guns. The last lanyard will be pulled at sunset.

In Toronto services will be held at various churches, and commencing at 2.45 p.m., an official service will be held in front of the parliament buildings. All the troops, volunteer and regular, will form up in the armouries at 1.45. A proclamation will be read to the troops before starting, proclaiming King George V. Then the garrison will march up University-avenue to the park. No music will be played en route. General Gorton will be in command of the troops.

In the evening the 9th field battery will fire a salute of 68 guns. They will start at 6.23 p.m. and fire the guns one minute apart until sunset at 7.0. During the firing, Chopin's funeral march and the Dead March in Saul will be played. This will be at Queen's Park.

The number of guns represent the age of the late King. The custom has been in use for many reigns. Immediately the last gun is fired, all flags will be hauled down. In the Western Ontario command, salutes will be fired at London, Hamilton, Guelph and Toronto. All units of the permanent force will parade at the time of the salute, form up in the vicinity and stand with arms reversed. When the firing has been concluded there will be a pause. Then the crepe will be removed from the flags and the black from the drums.

At the afternoon service in front of the buildings, massed bands will open by playing the Dead March in Saul. The troops will be formed up in line of quarter columns in front of the platform.

The platform is built on the main walk leading north from the front door. The Army and Navy veterans, wearing all their medals and decorations, will stand at the left of the platform. It is a few feet south of the driveway. A large space comprising the width of the buildings and taking in enough of the lawn to accommodate the troops and others has been roped off.

His honor the lieutenant-governor requests that the utmost silence and decorum be observed by everybody during the service.

The massed bands will stand on the steps and the choir, consisting of 500 men and women and 600 children, will stand in front of them. Beside the platform all the ministers of Toronto, the city council, members of parliament and members of the legislature, senators, foreign consuls, heads of colleges, judges, government officials, and others invited will stand. Those invited to join in the enclosure will enter the east door of the buildings and come out the front. The general public will stand outside of the enclosure.

When the Dead March is being played, His honor Lieut.-Gov. J. M. Gibson and Premier Sir James P. Whitney will leave the buildings and proceed down thru the band to the platform, accompanied by the clergy taking part. Attorney-General Foy, Acting Mayor Ward and the sheriff of Toronto. After the music has ceased, the premier will make a few introductory remarks. Then the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come," will be played by the bands. The choir will sing and the populace are expected to join in Selections from the Church of England burial service will be read. Bishop Sweeney will read part

### UNCERTAIN AS TO PASSAGE THRU COMET'S TAIL

**Astronomers Differ as to Whether the Earth Went Thru it or Not—Startling Apparition Across Face of the Sun at Noon Yesterday.**

YERKES OBSERVATORY, WILLIAMS BAY, Wis., May 19.—Following closely on the wholly unexpected astronomical condition that prevailed early to-day, when the tail of Halley's comet was plainly seen in the east, astronomers at Yerkes observatory to-day were further bewildered by a startling apparition across the face of the sun at noon.

A broad spectrum of light, extending across and a considerable distance to each side of the sun, challenged the attention of excited observers. Prof. E. B. Frost, who first sighted the phenomenon, declared he had never before witnessed its like. Prof. E. E. Barnard said the same. Hoping to obtain an accurate check on the strange spectrum, Prof. Frost telephoned to observers within a radius of 100 miles of Williams Bay, calling attention to the peculiar occurrence. The apparition lasted less than half an hour.

The spectrum at once became a topic of overmastering interest and conjecture. Enormous sun spots seen Wednesday afternoon and the brilliant displays of northern lights last night had been passed by the astronomers as having absolutely no direct connection with the comet. "Altho I cannot advance an opinion at this time," said Prof. Frost, "I can see no other cause but the comet for the appearance of the spectrum."

The passage of the earth thru the tail of the comet, delayed a day in its schedule, is believed to be taking place to-night, altho early observations did not give positive proof of this.

**Tail 140 Degrees Long.**  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 19.—The following despatch was received at the Harvard Observatory to-day from Prof. W. W. Campbell of Lick Observatory:  
"Halley's Comet was visible in the eastern sky this morning. Its tail was at least 140 degrees in length and lags far behind the radius vector. The earth will probably not pass thru its tail."

**Nucleus Not Solid.**  
MANILA, May 19.—Father Algue, an astronomer, believes that the long cherished scientific theory of a solid composition forming the nucleus of comets is now disproved. Exhaustive observations made from 4.30 to 6 a.m. to-day in perfect conditions at the Jesuit observatories at Manila, Baguio and Antipolo, failed to reveal a trace of solid matter.

**COMET OUT OF SIGHT**  
Even the Observatory Officials Were Unable to Locate It.

Halley's comet wasn't seen locally last night, altho sundry persons, by stretching the imagination and their necks, may have convinced themselves that they could discern the filmy outlines of the celestial vagrant after the sun's fiery orb had set out of sight.

Even the lookout man at the observatory was baffled, and had to admit that the comet was as hard to visualize as a grey cat on a moonless night. "It wasn't a clear enough evening," he explained. "I don't think much will be seen of the comet before Sunday night, altho there may be something doing Saturday. On Sunday night, if all is favorable, it should be a splendid sight for a short time after sunset. We shall know better to-morrow or next day, whether the comet produced any magnetic effect. We expect that will prove to be the chief disturbance. This effect is observable by the public, but our instruments will show it."

**SIX MEN MAY HAVE DROWNED**  
Two Fire Rangers and Four Woodsmen Said to Be Victims.

PORT ARTHUR, May 19.—The finding of an untimely grave with a few personal effects leads to the belief that six men were drowned on Lake Nipigon. Those reported drowned are: Roy McGillivray, 19; George Grant, 21, fire rangers in employ of the Ontario government; and four woodsmen, of whom the only name so far obtainable is Johnson.

**G.T.R. TRAINS WILL STOP.**

MONTREAL, May 19.—The management of the Grand Trunk Railway System has issued instructions for a stoppage for three minutes of all traffic to-morrow, at the time corresponding to the hour of the King's funeral. This will be at 8 o'clock eastern time. The C.P.R. trains will also stop short from 8 till 8.02.

**COALITION MINISTRY FOR SOUTH AFRICA.**

CAPE TOWN, May 19.—Gen. Botha conferred with Lord Gladstone to-day. It is understood that he will undertake the formation of the first union ministry. Botha has always favored the idea of a coalition ministry, but it remains to be seen whether he will permit himself strong enough to override Mr. Botha's opposition.

### LACRIMAE

—C. M. HEYDON



### BANK STATEMENT SHOWS COUNTRY IS PROSPERING

**Savings Deposits Show an Increase Over those of April of Six Millions of Dollars.**

OTTAWA, May 19.—(Special.)—The bank statement for the month of April issued by the department of finance to-day indicates the continued prosperity of the Canadian people. Money was not quite so active as during the previous month, when the inauguration of building operations thruout the country, caused more than usual buoyancy.

As compared with March, notice deposits decreased by slightly less than one million dollars. Savings deposits, on the other hand, increased by over six million dollars. The amount on call and short loans on stocks at the end of the month stood at \$59,631,255, a shrinkage of \$234,407.

Current loans in Canada, indicate that banks have allowed more money to go out to the business public of the Dominion, there being an increase over March figures. On the other hand, current loans abroad show a slight decrease for the month.

**EARL GREY NOT COMING.**

OTTAWA, May 19.—(Special.)—Owing to the death of his majesty, Earl Grey has cancelled all the arrangements he had made for his visit to Toronto next week.

### No General Election.

OTTAWA, May 19.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding any political activity that may be in sight and Sir Wilfrid Laurier's trip to the Pacific, there can be no election this year. The people of the west would vote as a man against the government if it went to the country without giving the western provinces the additional seats to which they are entitled by increased population. So there will be a census next year and a redistribution. The maritime Liberals would have liked an election this year.

### WANT REPRESENTATION

**Montreal Jews Said to Be Planning Concentration for This Purpose.**

MONTREAL, May 19.—(Special.)—It is stated here to-day that the Jews of the city, numbering about forty thousand, will take steps in the near future to have their nationality represented on the city council, as well as on the floors of the local legislature and in the house of commons.

It is said, in fact, that with this end in view, a concentration of the enterprising race is taking place in St. Louis and St. Lawrence wards, and it will be in this section of the city where the future agitation for membership will take place.

### WILL BEGIN TO BUILD AT TIDEWATER IN 3 WEEKS

**C. N. R. Will Have 150 Miles Constructed Eastward From Pacific Coast This Year.**

MONTREAL, May 19.—(Special.)—D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, stated in the Windsor this evening that work on the Pacific section would be commenced at tide water within three weeks, and that about 150 miles would probably be constructed during the present year.

Later, Hugh Sutherland, financial agent of the road, who had just arrived by the Royal Edward, declared that the amount required for the construction of the first unit of 150 miles from the Pacific coast eastward, had been underwritten in London, and that the remainder would be, of course, financed all right when the funds would be required.

Mr. Sutherland also said that the lumber issue in which Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Mann are interested was a success, a large percentage of the \$2,500,000 having been subscribed by the public, and as for the Dunsmuir coal mine, the underwriters had no apprehension whatever as to the final result of the issue.

**Did Not Bombard Town.**  
WASHINGTON, May 19.—The steamer Venus, President Madriz's warship, has disappeared from Bluefields harbor without attempting a bombardment of the town. Her destination is unknown.

### UNDERGROUND BILL KILLED

**Defeat Ascribed to Influence of Montreal Street Railway Company.**

QUEBEC, May 19.—(Special.)—The influence of the Montreal Street Railway was too strong for the Montreal underground bill, which was killed to-day in the legislative council, after a fierce contest in committee. The charter wanted for rival power companies also were thrown out.

### GO TO MASSEY HALL.

Go to the memorial service in Massey Hall to-night. No more acceptable means of paying respect to the memory of King Edward can be conceived. Commissioner Coombs, head of the Salvation Army in Canada, is a devout patriot. The Salvation Army is the greatest religiously militant force in democracy. King Edward was the head of the greatest democracy the world has ever seen. This memorial service will be memorable in the annals of Canada.

### FIVE MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS.

NANAIMO, B. C., May 19.—This town was shaken at 10.30 this morning by the explosion of the Hamilton Powder Works, four miles out of town. Five men were blown to atoms. Harry Blythe is said to be the only white man killed, the others being Chinese.

### A RETROSPECT.

May 20, 1811: French fleet defeated off Madagascar.  
May 23, 1851: First postage stamp was issued by Canada.  
May 29, 1862: The government was defeated on John A. Macdonald's militia bill.

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